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DILLINGHAM FAMILY HAS OWNED LOCAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1946

Progress Will Be Sold To Times Leader

By
Carolyn Walker

The owners of The Dawson Springs Progress have reached an agreement to sell the newspaper to The Times Leader in Princeton. The sale is expected to be finalized by the end of the year.

"The long-standing friendship of the Dillingham family with my family definitely makes this relationship something I am very comfortable with," said Times Leader publisher Chip Hutcheson. "Scott and I have talked frequently over the years about situations that we both encounter and have sought each other's advice on occasions. I believe we both have the same mind-set as to what a community newspaper should be, and we are committed to doing all we can to continue having a strong local newspaper for Dawson Springs."

Both the Dillingham and the Hutcheson families have long histories in the newspaper business.

"Scott will remain as the publisher with no changes in staff." —Chip Hutcheson

The Princeton Leader had been owned by the Hutcheson family since 1949. It became The Times Leader in 1992 when it was purchased by The Kentucky New Era and merged with the Caldwell County Times.

The Progress, established in August 1919 by W.T. Davis, was purchased by Niles O. Dillingham and Mack Sisk in 1946. Niles' brother Norris later joined the paper, becoming part owner. The Dillingham brothers bought Sisk out in 1971, and The Progress has been a family-run business since that time.

Niles' sons, Jed and Scott got an early taste of newspaper work, writing sports stories when they were growing up. Jed began writing for the paper officially in 1974 and later became the editor, a position he held until his death.

Scott became the advertising manager in 1985, after seven years with Bell South. He became editor and publisher when Jed died in 2007.

"The Dawson Springs Progress has been a part of me my entire life," Scott said. "I never thought I would work here, much less be publisher, but after more than 27 years, it's in my blood."

However, when Scott turned 55 this year, he said he began to think about what would happen if he were unable to work for an extended period of time. Since neither of his children was interested in carrying on the newspaper legacy, he decided it was in his family's best interest to sell. He wanted a buyer that would be good not only for the Dillingham family but also for the community.

"I'm glad for Dawson Springs that Chip and The Times Leader are the purchasers. I have known Chip and his family for many years," Scott said. "He is thought of very highly in both state and national newspaper circles. I know Chip and The Times Leader family will be good for the community of Dawson Springs."

Scott believes a community newspaper is vital to any town, especially Dawson Springs. Along with its school, it is the newspaper that gives a town its identity. Obviously, Hutcheson agrees.

"In a day when there are frequent reports that larger newspapers are struggling, this move will assure readers that The Dawson Springs Progress will continue to serve the community for many years to come," he said. "Scott will remain as the publisher with no changes in staff. That means the people who have been bringing readers The Dawson Springs Progress in the past — Scott, Faye and Carolyn — will continue to do that work."

According to Hutcheson, his organization will handle such duties as billing and circulation, freeing current employees of The Progress to focus on newspaper production.

"I've had great employees to see me through these last few years since Jed died. Nobody could ask for better employees than Faye Winfrey and Carolyn Walker," Scott said, adding that he has also depended on family members Kent Dillingham and Laura Field to help with whatever was needed.

While Scott says the pending sale of the newspaper is a time of both sadness and happiness, he is excited about certain benefits in his own life, such as having a full week's vacation in the near future.

"I look forward to working with Chip and to the two of us making The Progress an even better newspaper," he said.



MAYOR JENNY SEWELL gives her cousin Gov. Steve Beshear a hug after welcoming him back home to Dawson Springs to break ground for a $5 million project reconstructing the I-69/Ky. 109 interchange.

$5 MILLION I-69 PROJECT

Governor Breaks Ground For Interchange Reconstruction

Gov. Steve Beshear joined local and state officials in Dawson Springs to break ground for reconstruction of an interchange for the commonwealth's newest interstate highway — I-69.

This is one of several projects included in an agreement between Kentucky and the Federal Highway Administration by which a section of the former Wendel H. Ford Western Kentucky Parkway, now designated I-69, will be brought up to interstate standards.

"It is exciting to see the beginning of this construction because of its great importance to Western Kentucky," Beshear said. "This is a milestone in our long-range plan for turning parts of our parkway system into an I-69 corridor from the Ohio River to the Tennessee border."

The $5 million construction project in Hopkins County will result in the conversion of the Ky. 109 interchange at Dawson Springs from a cloverleaf to a diamond. The cloverleaf, designed to accommodate a toll plaza, was typical of interchanges on Kentucky's parkways, all of which began as toll roads. But interstate standards required an interchange with longer ramps.

"I am delighted we are moving forward with this project. The I-69 corridor through Western Kentucky offers opportunity for growth in the region," said Sen. Jerry Rhoads of Madisonville. "This investment will open not only highways, but much needed economic opportunity for Western Kentucky."

The Dawson Springs interchange is on the 38-mile section of the former Ford/Western Kentucky Parkway that Beshear and Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez dedicated as I-69 in October 2011. In addition, a 17-mile stretch of I-24 has a dual designation as I-69/I-24. The new I-69 will eventually run from the Ohio River at Henderson to the Tennessee border at Fulton, incorporating parts of two other former toll roads — the Julian Carroll Purchase Parkway and the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway.

"I am excited that one more step toward the completion of the upgrades of our parkway system to I-69 status is being made," said Rep. Brent Yonts of Greenville. "Likewise, I'm pleased that a Muhlenberg County contractor — Road Builders LLC — was the suc-

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ASKS TO RAISE TO 21

SBDM Council Is Questioned About Prom Age Limit

By
Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High SBDM Council addressed parental concerns about a portion of the student code of conduct during Tuesday's meeting.

Lisa Peek questioned the age limit placed on those attending the prom which was changed last year from 21 years of age to 20. Peek said her daughter and another senior girl have been dating the same boys for several years and that both boys had recently turned 21, making them ineligible to attend the prom. She asked if anything could be done about the age limit or if the boys can participate in any part of the event, such as the promenade or Project Prom.

Principal Kevin Stockman said he had checked with surrounding school districts, all of which set the age limit for prom attendance at 20. If a change to the local policy is recommended, two readings will be held by the council before it goes to the board of education for approval.

The main concern with 21-year-olds attending is that they can legally drink at restaurants before the prom.

Teacher representative Kim Menser made a motion to return the age limit to 21. Parent representative Missy Copeland seconded that motion. Menser, Copeland and teacher representative Rachel McCain voted in favor of the change. Teacher representative Dan Dillingham voted no. Cassie Bruch, also a parent representative, was not present. The matter will be referred to the discipline committee which is responsible for the student handbook.

The budget report showed a balance of $7,366.15. At this point, 72.9

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'DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER'

State Police Targeting All Impaired Drivers

Through Jan. 1, the Kentucky State Police will be participating in the national impaired driving campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

The KSP will partner with the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and local law enforcement agencies across the state to reduce alcohol-related injury and fatality crashes by targeting impaired drivers.

Impaired driving continues to be one of the deadliest crimes in America, claiming thousands of lives each year. On average, there is one alcohol-related fatality every 51 minutes across the country. During 2011, Kentucky recorded 5,639 crashes related to alcohol and/or drug use, resulting in 150 deaths and 3,082 injuries.

During this campaign, troopers from Kentucky State Police Post 2 will conduct traffic safety checkpoints throughout the Post 2 District. Troopers will also partner with local officers to con-

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AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL INCREASE WILL BE ABOUT 5.8 PERCENT

PSC Approves Settlement With KU In Base Rate Cases

On Thursday, the Kentucky Public Service Commission approved the unanimous settlement agreement reached by Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company and all of the parties in the base rate cases. The ruling lowers the late payment charge, extends the time period for paying customer bills, gives the company responsibility for natural gas service lines, and provides for additional charitable giving.

Kentucky Utilities' base electric rates will increase $51 million, down from the original request of $82.4 million. KU and LG&E said the base electric rate increases are needed to pay for upgrades to electric transmission and distributions systems, improvements at electric generating facilities and the hiring of additional employees. The last rate adjustments came in July 2010.

For a KU residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, the increase is expected to be $4.82 per month, or about 5.8 percent.

"We're pleased that the commission approved the settlement agreement. The agreement among the nine parties to the case balanced the needs of those involved and represents a bit of a compromise by everyone," said Lonnie Bellar, vice president of State Regulations and Rates for LG&E and KU.

Changes include reducing the late payment charge from 5 percent to 3 percent and extending the due date to at least 22 calendar days before a late payment charge is applied to a customer's bill.

LG&E and KU each agreed to contribute an additional $187,000 of shareholder funds annually to low-income programs, bringing the total shareholder commitment to $1 million per year. The current Home Energy Assistance program also will increase from 16 to 25 cents per meter.

The settlement also calls for KU and LG&E to establish a program to help public schools with energy efficiency.



KSP Post 2 Graduates Citizens Police Academy

On Dec. 19, Kentucky State Police Post 2 held graduation for the fourth KSP Post 2 Citizens Police Academy. The 10-week academy began Oct. 17 at Madisonville Community College.

Capt. Ricki Allen, Post 2 Commander, and Major Mike Crawford, West Troop Commander, presented the participants with graduation certificates.

During the course of the academy, the 10 participants learned about the many facets of the KSP, including patrol, traffic stops, collision investigations, commercial vehicle enforcement, criminal investigations, drug investigations, dispatching, special operations, and Trooper Island. Participants took part in simulated traffic stops and a mock crime scene. The class also toured Post 2 and the Western Laboratory.



DORINDA ALLEN (left) shops with Alysta Butts during the "shop with a cop" event Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Princeton's Wal-Mart. submitted photo

'Cram the Cruiser' Drive Was Successful For KSP

The Kentucky State Police Cram the Cruiser food drive netted 105,148 pounds of food statewide.

KSP Commissioner Brewer had challenged each post to promote the campaign in an effort to give back to their local communities. In 2011, the statewide campaign collected 50,931 pounds of food. The 10-day 2012 campaign indicates a 106 percent increase over last year.

"This campaign has been extremely successful and has allowed our agency to reach out to families in need during a critical time of the year," Brewer said. "Amazingly, personnel from the Harlan post gathered nearly 11 tons of food."

Posts distributed the non-perishable food items to local shelters, food banks and needy families during the Christmas holiday.

Insurers Still Required To Offer Child-Only Policies

Kentucky Insurance Commissioner Sharon P. Clark again will require that all insurers selling in the commonwealth's individual health insurance market offer an annual open enrollment period in January 2013 for Kentuckians under age 19.

The order does not apply if the child is eligible for coverage in the group market.

Clark issued the order in 2010, after insurers notified the Department of Insurance that they planned to cease writing child-only policies on Sept. 23 of that year – the date the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act prohibited companies offering these policies from denying coverage because of an applicant's pre-existing health condition.

At that time, Clark said she was concerned that all Kentucky children who needed a "child-only" policy, even those who were healthy, would have to turn to Kentucky Access, the state's high-risk pool, placing extra demands on that program.

This will be the final year for the mandatory open enrollment. As part of federal health reform, insurers will not be allowed to deny coverage, regardless of health status, beginning in January 2014.

Saddle Up Safely Campaign Passes Three-Year Mark

By
Holly Wiemers

Saddle Up Safely, a unique collaboration of University of Kentucky entities as well as equine industry and Lexington community partners, celebrated its third year this past October with a day at Keeneland and a silent auction fundraiser for the program.

UK HealthCare partnered with UK colleges of Agriculture and Public Health to launch the five-year educational campaign to raise awareness about horseback riding and horse handling safety. Nearly 50 community partners have joined in to help spread the word and collectively help make the sport safer.

The statistics underscore the need. According to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System's 2007 estimates, millions of people ride horses each year, generating approximately 79,000 emergency room visits, with more than 13 percent of those admitted to the hospital. While motorcycle riders experience a serious injury every 7,000 hours of riding, horseback riders experience one every 350 hours, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is estimated that one in five equestrians will be seriously injured during their riding careers. And novice riders, especially children and young adults, are eight times more likely to suffer a serious injury than professional equestrians.

According to Bill Gombeski, director of strategic marketing at UK HealthCare and Saddle Up Safely lead, the campaign set out to counter some of these statistics through education and awareness.

"At UK HealthCare, we see hundreds of patients with injuries caused from riding or handling horses, and about 75 each year are so severe that they are admitted to our hospital trauma service," Gombeski said. "We also know from scientific studies and our own research that about two-thirds of all injuries are preventable."

The campaign features several tools to inform and educate. In its first three years, Saddle Up Safely has produced six booklets with safety information on topics including horseback riding safety, diseases that can be spread from horses to humans, horse-related injuries, safety while in the pasture, barnsafety and a children's-focused book about potential dangers on horse farms that was developed in conjunction with Equine Guelph at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

An interactive Web site was developed at www.saddleupsafely.org, and information is updated as the campaign progresses. Additionally, an online safety quiz was launched, and Fernanda Camargo, extension horse specialist in the College of Agriculture, created a horse rider safety blog.

"To date, there have been more than 85 blog posts written, many with the help of other experts in the equine industry. The blog has been accessed over 73,000 times, which tells me that riders and people with horses want to be informed about safe horse handling practices," Camargo said.

In Case of Emergency cards were also developed to enable riders to have pertinent personal and health information available in a pocket-sized format in case of an accident. Cards applicable to both rider and horse were created and are available to riders.

Saddle Up Safely is also part of an educational exhibit geared toward children that opened at the Kentucky Horse Park in February. Occupying a stall in a former draft horse barn, the Saddle Up Safely exhibit educates visitors about horse safety, correct riding apparel and proper tack. It also provides access to its stable of educational materials.

Collaboration has been a big part of the program, and in the past three years, Saddle Up Safely participated in the UK display at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, formed an auxiliary of passionate volunteers who help spread the message of safety, set up a national e-advisory group, began a research study on horseback riding injuries and enlisted the help of key equine and community partners as part of its campaign.

During the past three years, more than 100,000 safety booklets have been distributed, the Web site has had more than 22,000 visitors per month, and more than 350 people have posted safety tips of their own

Gov. Launches Campaign For Designated Driver

Gov.Steve Beshear launched Kentucky's HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers, encouraging people to participate in designated driving programs throughout Kentucky and the nation. The national campaign was established by the family of Navy Ensign John Elliott of Atlantic County, N.J., who was killed in 2000 in a head-on collision with a drunken driver.

"The HERO Campaign's mission is to end drunk-driving fatalities, injuries and accidents nationwide by promoting designated driving and reminding the public to drive sober," Beshear said. "I'm proud we're bringing attention to this noble cause and encouraging residents to use designated drivers."

The HERO Campaign works in cooperation with schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and other community-based organizations to promote the use of safe and sober designated drivers to prevent drunken driving tragedies. Businesses, including bars, taverns and restaurants, are invited to display posters and window decals identifying the locations as HERO sites, and are asked to serve free soft drinks to sober designated drivers. Law enforcement agencies are also being asked to participate and display HERO Campaign decals on their cars, and schools are being encouraged to start HERO Campaign chapters and integrate the campaign into their DUI prevention and educational programs.

The HERO campaign was inspired by Navy Ensign John Elliott, who was killed by a drunken driver as he was traveling home fromAnnapolis, Md. to southern New Jersey for his mother's birthday in July, 2000. Elliott had recently graduated with merit from the United States Naval Academy, where he was named the Outstanding HERO of his graduating class, and was prepared to enter naval flight officer school that fall.

Elliott's parents, Muriel and William Elliott, along with Kentucky State Police, local law enforcement, beverage distributers and retailers and community leaders, joined Beshear at the Prime Lounge in Louisville as he signed a proclamation designating Dec. 18, 2012, as HERO Campaign Day.

The campaign's goal is simple, according to William Elliott: to bring an end to drunken driving in America, and to spare other families the agony of losing a son or a daughter.

"Today does not mark the end of drunken driving, but let it mark the beginning of the end," Elliott said. "No parent should ever have to lose a son or daughter to a drunken driver. We promised John we would do everything possible to bring an end to drunk driving. With your help we can keep our promise."

The HERO Campaign is partnering with the Kentucky Highway Safety Office, state police and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. To launch the program, HERO posters and billboards will be displayed throughout the state, and HERO Campaign radio and television commercials will promote the campaign message, "Be a HERO. Be a Designated Driver®."

County Man Is Winner In Habitat Management Work

Landowners, business partners and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservationists were recently honored for their wildlife habitat restoration efforts by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Among the winners was Chess Riddle, of Madisonville, who was a regional winner in the landowner category.

Riddle manages 650 acres in Muhlenberg County. He has enrolled 125 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program and hosted a prescribed fire field day on his property, using controlled burning to enhance grassland habitat for bobwhite quail. Friends and family are encouraged to use his property for hunting. He was nominated by Wildlife Biologist Thomas Young.

"Each year, we recognize individuals and groups in each of the five wildlife regions based on their habitat management work, community outreach, and recreational opportunities," said Wildlife Division Director Karen Waldrop.

Winners were announced at an awards banquet held at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort Dec. 7.

New 3-Way Stop Near School

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Crop Insurance Affects More Than Revenue Protection For Farmers

By
Carol L. Spence

What a year 2012 was for agriculture: crop yields were down, water supplies were depleted, feed costs were up. And yet, in the midst of one of the worst droughts in the country's history, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is forecasting U.S. net farm income will remain near record levels.

University of Kentucky College of Agriculture economists recently released their outlook for the remainder of 2012 and 2013, saying data indicates 2012's Kentucky's net farm income will remain near the top end of the state's typical $1 billion to $1.5 billion range.

High prices and significant crop insurance indemnities—producer payments—have had a hand in saving what could have been a year of hard losses for farmers.

"Crop insurance constitutes one of the primary risk management programs administered and subsidized by the U.S. government, and over the past 16 years, it's one of the biggest things to hit production agriculture," said Cory Walters, assistant professor in UK agricultural economics. "In Kentucky, from 1996 through 2011, the total premium base associated with crop insurance increased from $16 million to $139 million. Insured cropland increased from 1.5 million acres to 2.8 million acres over the same time period."

So far in Kentucky in 2012, insurance has paid $208 million in indemnities for corn. For soybeans, insurance has paid out $9.5 million in indemnities and nearly $10 million for wheat.

"The indemnity number will go up, especially for corn; more claims are coming in all the time," Walters said.

He believes, though, that crop insurance isn't just about finances; it can influence a multitude of decisions farmers make.

"If we all had a dagger sticking out of our steering wheels, we'd be more careful (when driving)," he said. "But what if crop insurance removes that dagger? How would we drive then?"

Producers purchase crop insurance to manage production risk, but risk reduction can vary based on crops and regions and also in agronomic and environmental characteristics. Changes in risk will inevitably affect production decisions, including acreage decisions. As a result, small, regional environmental effects occur based on those decisions. That is the conclusion Walters drew, based on data collected between 1995 and 2002.

In his study, recently published in the Journal of Agriculture and Resource Economics, using producer-level crop insurance data for four U.S. geographical regions, Iowa, North Dakota, eastern Washington State and eastern Colorado, Walters delved into the real effects of using crop insurance or "driving without that metaphorical dagger." In his peer-reviewed paper, he pointed out that there are inevitable environmental consequences when the relationship between risk, farm production decisions and environment changes.

"Farming, is, after all, a kind of environmental activity—inescapably bound to soil, water and air quality and, of course, changing ecosystems," he reported.

According to Walters, crop insurance has the potential to affect two types of farm decisions: how much acreage is devoted to a single crop and the amount of inputs used depending upon the crop choice.

"Is crop insurance impacting acreage decisions, and if it is, are environmental impacts positive or negative?" he said.

Of the four regions analyzed, Walters found that the purchase of crop insurance in North Dakota did have a "meaningful environmental impact," in all four environmental indicators he examined: total nitrogen loss, change in total organic carbon, wind erosion-caused sediment loss and soil erosion due to other causes. But only for total nitrogen loss was the effect negative. In eastern Washington, the effect was adverse on wind erosion. However, in this area, the decision to purchase crop insurance did not greatly affect the crop allocation in that region. In Iowa, there was no meaningful environmental impact from the decision to buy crop insurance. In eastern Colorado, the decision adversely impacted wind erosion and soil organic carbon.

In his results, Walters noted that he found "a small, but not universal, tendency of increased crop insurance participation to create 'noticeable' environmental effects. Our evidence shows both positive and negative environmental effects as cropping patterns change, but more importantly, results are specific to local conditions and particular environmental indicators."

Walters' study also backed up earlier research by Jun Ji Wu and Richard M. Adams of Oregon State University showing that the type of crop insurance and the coverage level influenced the decision to change crop allocations. Revenue insurance altered cropping patterns more than the yield protection.

In Kentucky, revenue protection is the dominant type of coverage chosen, mostly because it receives the most subsidy dollars per acre. Revenue protection coverage for wheat, soybeans and corn ranged from 54 percent to 69 percent of total insurable acreage per crop in 2011.

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Kentucky Road Crews Are Ready For First Wintry Weather Blast

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet road crews are ready for the first wintry blast. KYTC staff monitors weather conditions and will send salt trucks out to patrol and treat the state's roads as needed.

KYTC's vehicle and equipment fleet includes 1,065 snow plows. In addition, the cabinet can call on 375 contracted snow plow trucks to assist with snow and ice removal.

Maintenance crews totaling approximately 2,000 employees work as long as necessary to keep roads open in the winter.

KYTC is responsible for maintaining 62,097 lane miles of roads, but during snow and ice removal, the cabinet handles 60,000 lane miles. The remaining roads are handled by city or county road departments through which the routes pass.

To view the priority network for snow removal by county, go to http://transportation.ky.gov/Maintenance/Pages/Snow-and-Ice-Priority-Maps.aspx.

The cabinet's facilities combined have approximately 415,000 tons of salt, 1.1 million gallons of liquid calcium chloride and 900,000 gallons of salt brine on hand to combat snow and ice this winter. KYTC is equipped to produce more brine in order to replenish supplies.

As KYTC crews have made preparations for clearing roads, motorists should also be prepared for driving in snow and ice by following these tips:

•Make sure vehicles are winterized — check the battery, antifreeze, heater, defroster, wipers and windshield washer. Check the forecast and call 511 or visit 511.ky.gov for the latest condition reports before traveling.

•Dress warmly for the weather in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in anticipation of unexpected emergencies.

•Try to keep the gas tank at least two-thirds full to prevent fuel line freezing and to prepare for possible lengthy delays on the roadway.

•Inform a relative or friend of all travel routes.

•Carry a cell phone.

•Place an emergency care kit in the vehicle, including jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, ice scraper, blankets, nonperishable food, a first aid kit and traction material.

•Drive carefully. Allow plenty of time to get to a destination. Do not use cruise control.

•Give a wide berth to snow removal equipment.

•Remember bridges and exit and entrance ramps can be icy when other areas are not.

•Stopping in snow requires up to four times more braking distance than stopping on dry pavement. Allow plenty of distance between vehicles.

•Be visible. Dull, cloudy days will cut down on visibility, so drive using low-beam headlights.

•Steer into the skid. Stay calm and ease off the gas while carefully steering in the direction the front of the vehicle should go.

Road conditions at 511 or 511.ky.gov are described in the following manner:

Wet pavement — The roadway is wet. Ice could form as temperatures drop.

Partly covered — The road is partly covered with snow, slush or ice. Markings may be obscured.

Mostly covered — The road is mostly covered with snow, slush or ice. Roadway markers may be difficult to see because of packed snow and rutting conditions.

Completely covered — The road is completely covered with snow, slush or ice and markings are obscured.

Impassable — Road conditions are not suitable for travel unless required by an emergency.



PARTICIPATING in the ceremonial ground breaking for a $5 million interchange reconstruction at the I-69/Ky. 109 interchange are (from left) former district highway engineer Ted Merryman, Mayor Jenny Sewell, Sen. Dorsey Ridley, Gov. Steve Beshear, Sen. Jerry Rhoads, Rep. Ben Waide and current district highway engineer Kevin McClearn.

Governor Breaks Ground For Interchange

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cessful low bidder."

The agreement with FHWA also included upgrading guardrails and bridge rails and raising some overpass bridges to increase clearance. The $10 million project to accomplish these goals began last year.

With those improvements complete and signs for the new I-69 installed, attention can turn to widening paved shoulders and reconstructing the Ky. 109 interchange at Dawson Springs.

"It will be a major advance for economic development in Western Kentucky," Beshear said.

The project was awarded Nov. 1 to Road Builders LLC, one of three bidders, on a bid of $5,075,495 — $644,721 below the cabinet's estimate. The 1.3-mile project is scheduled to be complete by Dec. 15, 2013.

State Police Targeting Impaired Drivers

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duct sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols in the Post 2 District. Drivers should expect to see an increase in patrols in high-volume traffic areas and high crash locations. Impaired drivers will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. For traffic safety checkpoint locations, visit www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/press/post2_checkpoints.htm.

The Kentucky State Police remind everyone to plan ahead.

•Don't risk it. Don't drink and drive.

•Choose a sober, designated driver before going out.

•Take mass transit or a taxi, or ask a sober friend to drive.

•Spend the night where the activity is being held.

•Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.

•Wear a seat belt.

Falling Prices Not Good Enough News

With the U.S. average price of gasoline falling 20 cents per gallon in the past month to $3.22 per gallon Wednesday, it may be easy to overreact. However, U.S. consumers tell Gas Buddy that it's good news, but it's not good enough.

"Some reports have been a bit too gleeful, but we're not expecting any dancing in the streets," said Patrick DeHaan, Senior Petroleum Analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Even with the seasonal price decline, 2012 is going to yield the highest average price ever paid — January through December — at $3.63 per gallon."

To gauge consumer sentiment, GasBuddy asked whether gas prices and related transportation costs are forcing consumers to cut back holiday spending. In recent weeks, a survey of respondents nationwide indicated 43 percent of consumers said gas and transportation costs are forcing them to spend less; 51 percent said those issues are not impacting them; and 5 percent were not sure. Results were based on more than 22,000 responses.

Parent Questions SBDM About Prom Age

—Continued from front page

percent of the year's allocation has been used.

Upcoming events include a trip to the state competition for the Dawson Springs High School cheerleaders. The squad won the regional championship in the co-ed division Dec. 15.

The first professional development day since Stockman became principal was scheduled for Dec. 19. Topics on the agenda were security and safety, Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, RTI in the classrooms, accountability, college and career readiness, data mining and student-led conferences.

Stockman announced the availability of a high school math position. Jessica Cooper resigned effective Jan. 2.

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ABOUT TOWN *By Scott*

Some Perks Are Mighty Fine

There are certain perks that have always come with this job. Then just like other jobs, there are certain things required which are anything but a perk.

But it was a perk of the job I enjoyed last Thursday evening, and a mighty fine perk it was.

Each year the YW Club has their annual Christmas potluck party. Each year since Beth has been a member, yours truly has been invited to take a picture for the paper of the ladies dressed in their festive Christmas outfits.

The Progress has a policy that says we do not take pictures at parties, weddings, anniversaries, etc. And we don't — except for the YW Club of which Beth is a member.

Now the perk to this assignment is those ladies always invite me to stay for the meal. The first few years I respectfully declined. Then I came to my senses.

That meal this year was mighty fine. The ladies are wonderful cooks — everything which made its way to my plate (both times) was eaten and appreciated.

However, special mention needs to be made about Jeannine Moore's boiled custard. Now I'm a boiled custard connoisseur, having eaten some of the very best from the kitchens of my grandmother, a few aunts and my very own mother. Let it be said, Jeannine Moore's boiled custard is as good as it gets.

It's difficult to believe, but another year has come and is practically gone. It seems 2012 flew by like a blink of the eye.

Next week, The Progress will begin it's annual review of the year just past. This week we will recall some things which most of us would like to forget.

—The University of Kentucky lost the SEC championship basketball game to Vanderbilt. The Wildcats did go on to win their next tournament.

—State Sen. David Williams was a thorn in Gov. Steve Beshear's side as he obstructed almost all of the Dawson Springs High School graduate's legislative agenda including Beshear's effort to increase the dropout age to 18.

—Sen. Mitch McConnell, who was the chief instructor for Williams, used his obstructionist powers to bring Washington to a halt.

—Someone decided there wasn't enough rough and environmental areas on the Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park golf course and planted more grasses and prepared the ground to plant more trees.

—Speaking of the golf course at Pennyrile, more beetles and high winds have brought down more trees on the back nine.

—The entire area was parched by a drought and a much warmer than normal winter, spring, summer and fall while certain politicians proclaimed once again there is no such thing as global warming.

—The same old talking heads continue to tell us now is a time to grieve and let the nation heal while our love affair with guns continues to give us more and more to grieve about and to try to heal over.

—The average yearly price of gasoline was higher in 2012 than any other year, and gas prices continue to rise as much as 10 cents a gallon on the way up but creep down one and two cents at a time when they do drop.

—Little Johnny and his family had Christmas dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Johnny was served, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

—A woman said her prayer for 2013 is for…

A fat bank account and a thin body.

Please don't mix these up like you did last year. Amen!

New year's resolutions are always so difficult to keep. Here is one person's resolutions that most anyone should be able to keep for at least a month or two…

10. Read less.

9. I want to gain weight. Put on at least 30 pounds.

8. Stop exercising. Waste of time.

7. Watch more TV. I've been missing some good stuff.

6. Procrastinate more.

5. Drink. Drink some more.

4. Start being superstitious.

3. Spend more time at work.

2. Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.

and last but not least...

1. Take up a new bad habit: maybe smoking.

—When I thought about the evils of drinking in the New Year. I gave up thinking.

—Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. —Mark Twain

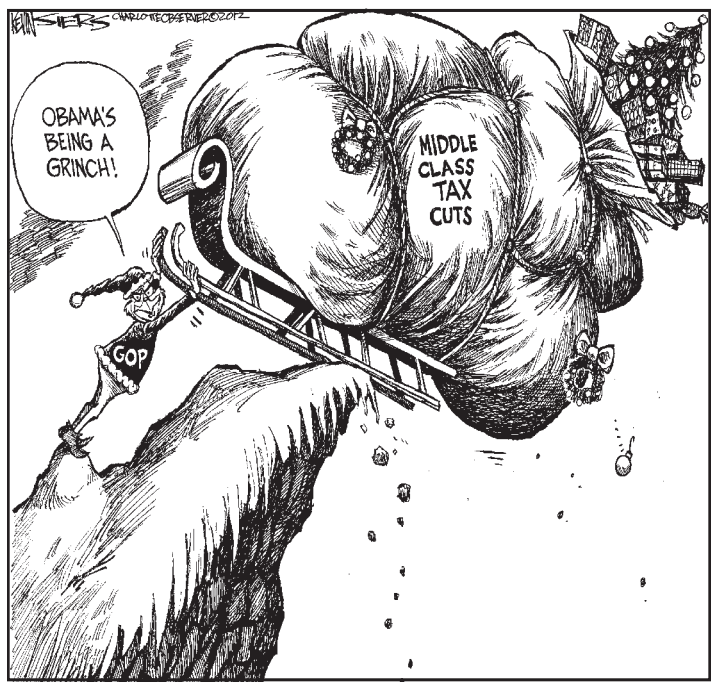
—God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. —Author Unknown

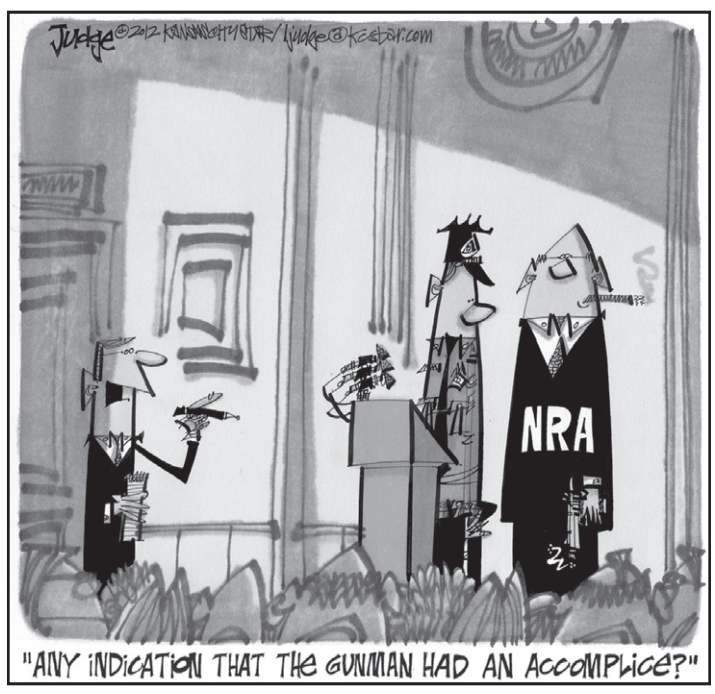
—Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. —Bill Vaughn

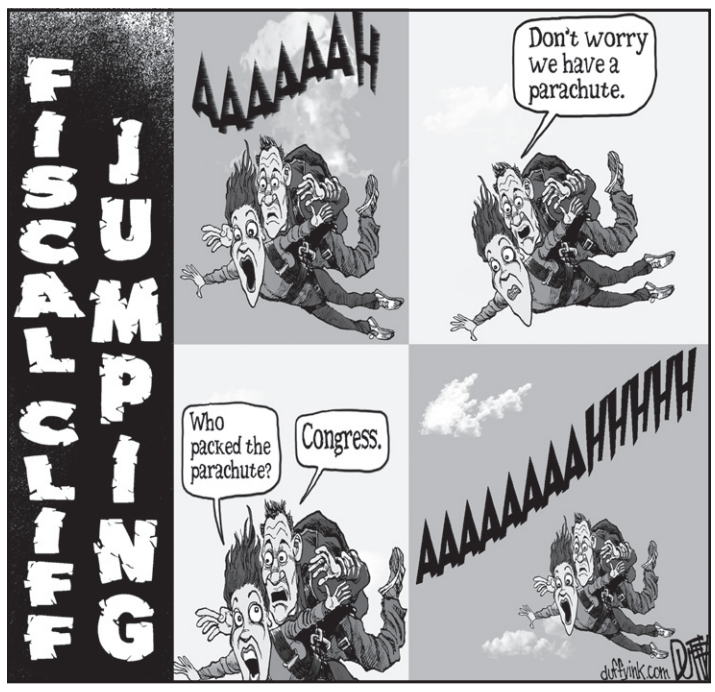
—People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas. —Author Unknown

—An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. —Billy Vaughn

—The only way to spend New Year's Eve is either quietly with friends or in a brothel. Otherwise when the evening ends and people pair off, someone is bound to be left in tears. —W.H. Auden







COMMENTARY

The Time Is Now For Tax Reform

By
Lt. Governor Jerry Abramson

Over the last five years, during the worst of the economic recession, Governor Steve Beshear had to cut $1.6 billion from the state budget. Families across the state made tough budget decisions, too. While the past few years have been difficult, those bleak economic times forced all of us to reconsider what we value most, and how to make sure that we meet the critical needs of our families.

One of the important lessons we learned in state government is that while our tax system cushioned some of the impact when the economy ran off the tracks, the tax code is not as useful or simple as Kentuckians need it to be. Parts of the tax code are antiquated. Not everyone pays a fair share, and the taxes aren't easy to understand. Some of the tax code stunts our efforts to keep and attract jobs in a 21st century economy. Most important, the current system isn't robust enough to guarantee we will have enough money for the services we need most, like education for our kids.

Gov. Beshear recognized that Kentucky can't afford to wait for tax reform. Early in 2012, he appointed a broad, bipartisan commission to make sure our state doesn't face another economic crater by failing to update its tax code.

A study of our tax system earlier this summer revealed that without significant changes, Kentucky will face a $1 billion shortfall by 2020.

As chair of Gov. Beshear's Blue Ribbon Commission on Tax Reform, I am confident that the work by our members over the last 10 months will help to align Kentucky's tax structure with the principles of fairness, economic competitiveness and a 21st Century economy.

The Commission delivered its final report to Gov. Beshear Dec. 17. The Governor will study the report before he meets with legislators to build a consensus on moving forward on changes to our tax code.

Our suggested changes to the state tax code would generate roughly $659 million in new revenue annually once fully implemented. These proposals will modernize our tax structure, making it fairer for families and businesses. The changes would position Kentucky to create more jobs, further grow our economy and fund many of the services the commission heard were needed all across the commonwealth.

During our review of the tax code, the Commission heard advice from our consultant team, and met with citizens at six town halls across the commonwealth, learning about how our tax system intersects with Kentuckians on an everyday basis.

What we heard loudly and clearly was if Kentucky is going to continue to invest in education, economic development and health services, we must have an adequate tax code that meets the needs of our citizens – businesses and individuals alike.

We have no choice.

During the recession, the governor managed budget cuts and protected key services, like education, health care and public safety, as best we could. But we can't allow the persistent and painful budget reductions of a recession to become regular practice, because those

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OTHER EDITORS

Assault Weapons Must Be Banned

President Barack Obama repeatedly stressed the time factor in his remarks yesterday announcing that he's appointed Vice President Biden to lead a team to recommend proposals to curb gun violence.

He began by saying he charged the team to produce specific proposals to reduce gun violence by next month.

Those proposals, he said, "I then intend to push without delay."

Returning to the charge, he said, "this is a team that has a very specific task to pull together very real reforms, right now."

Good. Because everyone knows that while the families of the 26 dead in Newtown, Conn., including the shooter, will live forever with the tragedy visited upon them by the massacre last Friday, political memories fade quickly.

The time to act is now.

Any legislation must include a ban on military-style assault weapons, a category of gun that has no real purpose other than to kill people, and the high capacity ammunition clips that shooters in several mass murders have used so effectively to kill and severely injure many people in a very short time.

Civilians don't need these guns — what Obama called "weapons of war" — to hunt or to protect themselves. Legislation must also close the loopholes that allow thousands to buy guns without background checks, at gun shows and other venues. We can do that and we must.

While the deaths of those innocent, fresh-faced first graders at Sandy Hook school have created this sense of urgency, they represent only a small portion of the tragic loss of life annually to gun violence in the United States — about 10,000 people a year.

In his remarks, Obama noted some of the gun deaths since Friday: a total of three police officers in two cities; three people in a hospital; a woman in a casino; a four-year-old who died as a result of a drive-by shooting.

Of course it's true, as some have insisted in recent days, that a ban on assault weapons and other legislation can't guarantee there will never again be a tragedy like that in Newtown. But they can help stem the tide of gun violence that has reached epidemic proportions.

And it's true, as Obama said yesterday, that turning back this violence requires changes in our hearts and our homes as well.

But legislation enacted by Congress, for better or worse, is one expression of the type of society we are and want to be and so plays a role in those changes.

Social Security declared that we didn't want citizens who had contributed to the society and economy during their prime to live out their senior years in crippling poverty. Civil rights legislation and the Equal Rights Amendment stated that we believe all people should have equal access to the benefits our country offers.

Lofty goals not fully achieved. But passing those laws changed the reality and the conversation, declared our intentions as a society to honor our seniors and live up to our founders' assertion that "all men are created equal."

It is time, way past time, to declare our intention as a society to reduce gun violence.

—The Herald-Leader

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2002.)

The second bank robbery in the history of Dawson Springs occured early Friday afternoon at Integra Bank at 50 Oak Heights.

Panther boys beat Providence 65-48 in the home opener.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Dec. 31, 1987.)

Speed limit is raised to 65 on parkways.

Robert Dale Weaver celebrated his sixth birthday Monday, Dec. 28, with family and friends.

A 13th birthday was given for Tara Stallins Friday night, Dec. 18.

Funeral for Louis T. Russell, 64, was held Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services were held for Mrs. Anna "Lora" Martin, 79, Wednesday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

Services for Arnett C. Brown, 58, were held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27 at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Monday, Dec. 24, 1962.)

Funeral services were held for Reason Washington (Jack) McChesney, 86, Saturday afternoon at the Apostolic Holiness Church.

Sharron Thomas celebrated her fourteenth birthday with a party Monday night, December 17.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Dec. 30, 1853, the United States acquires 30,000 square miles of land in what is now southern New Mexico and Arizona for $15 million. The purchase settled the dispute over the location of the Mexican border west of El Paso, Texas, and established the final boundaries of the southern United States.

• On Dec. 28, 1869, the Knights of Labor, a labor union of tailors in Philadelphia, holds the first Labor Day ceremonies in American history. In 1894, Congress designated the first Monday in September a legal holiday for all federal employees and the residents of the District of Columbia.

• On Dec. 29, 1878, the first game is played between two teams of the first professional baseball league in Cuba. Baseball was introduced in Cuba around 1864, when some students returned home from studying in the United States and introduced their fellow islanders to the bat and ball.

• On Dec. 25, 1880, Layne Hall is born in Mississippi. When he died in 1990, Hall was the oldest licensed driver in the United States. In his nearly 75 years on the road, Hall never got a speeding ticket or citation of any kind.

• On Dec. 26, 1917, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson announces the nationalization of many of the country's railroads. The Railroad Control Act stated that within 21 months of a peace treaty, the railroads would be returned to their owners. In March 1920, the railroads became private property once again.

• On Dec. 27, 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, thousands of people turn out for the opening of Radio City Music Hall in New York City. It remains the largest indoor theater in the world.

• On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Within days, the Soviets had secured the capital of Kabul after overcoming fierce but brief resistance from the Afghan army.

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RECEIPTS 10% HIGHER THAN 2011

State Farm Cash Receipts Are Showing High Returns

Preliminary U.S. Department of Agriculture reports indicate Kentucky agricultural cash receipts for January through September totaled $3.6 billion, 10 percent higher than 2011's record level for the same period. Despite weather impacts on yield and high feed costs, agricultural economists with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture foresee 2012's cash receipts in the state will total $5.3 billion.

Will Snell, Kenny Burdine, Cory Walters and Tim Woods, all from UK's Department of Agricultural Economics, along with Kentucky Farm Business Management Program coordinator Jerry Pierce and Jeff Stringer from the UK Department of Forestry presented a 2013 Kentucky farm economic outlook and an overview of 2012 as part of the annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation conference in Louisville on Dec. 6.

Official USDA 2012 cash receipts for Kentucky won't be released until summer 2013, but Snell said the UK economists are seeing high returns in corn, cattle and tobacco and improvement in the equine sector. The typical range for net farm income in Kentucky is between $1 billion and $1.5 billion.

"Boosted by significant crop insurance payments, net farm income for 2012 will be toward the high end of that range, but well below the $2.1 billion record high achieved in 2005 following the tobacco buyout," he said.

In the midst of one of the nation's worst droughts, the USDA is projecting U.S. net farm income for 2012 to remain near record levels at $114 billion, just 3 percent below the previous record set in 2011.

Snell noted that export value remained near record levels in 2012.

"Just as in 2011, high prices were very effective in offsetting lower volume, a slight appreciation of the U.S. dollar and weak global economic growth," he said.

Despite significant yield losses, corn receipts for 2012 will continue to rival poultry as Kentucky's top agricultural enterprise.

"Responding to higher prices, producers planted additional acres this year, which helped keep production from goinglower," Walters said.

Walters said there would be fewer ending stocks, especially for corn and soybeans, approaching the upcoming planting season, and prices will continue to be strong, providing incentive for growers to produce more.

"A normal or better growing season coupled with increased planted acreage will put heavy downward pressure on prices," he said. "Alternatively, a poor growing season will result in a repeat of 2012 price action."

In the poultry industry, broiler production declined slightly in 2012 after hitting a peak in 2011, but exports hit a record high and accounted for more than 19 percent of production. Higher 2012 prices have partially offset increased feed costs, reducing the impact on overall production levels. The USDA predicts exports will remain at high levels, leaving less than 80 pounds of chicken per person on the domestic market, which is the lowest level in 10 years. UK agricultural economist Lee Meyer believes prices are likely to rise 5 to 10 percent in 2013.

Snell said this past year has been the most interesting season for burley tobacco during the post-buyout era.

"Based on the world burley supply/demand balance entering 2012, it was apparent that tobacco companies were going to request that Kentucky burley farmers increase acreage. It was not clear, however, how farmers would respond," he said.

Farmers responded by planting 14 percent more acres. Tobacco yielded fairly well, in spite of the drought, and curing conditions led to one of the better quality crops in recent years, Snell said.

The equine industry sales held steady this year, but prices were generally improved. Burdine expects total receipts to decrease slightly in 2012, but believes the equine market is showing signs of improvement, with improved prices and steady stud fees likely.

Spring 2012 cattle market set records through May, largely due to tight supplies and excellent spring weather, however feeder cattle prices fell sharply through the summer as the drought and heat caused a surge in corn prices. Heavy feeders regained some ground by fall, Burdine said, but calves remained well below their spring high.

"Tight supplies should provide solid underpinning for the 2013 feeder cattle market," Burdine said. "Weather challenges and competition for ground have slowed much interest in expansion, even with improved prices."

It's been 10 years since Kentucky growers started to concentrate on diversifying and developing the state's horticulture industry. During that time, the industry has seen steady growth through a difficult economy, Woods said. Industry trends point toward 2012 gross sales amounting to $110 million to $120 million, slightly less than or equal to 2011.

Kentucky is the leading producer of hardwood saw and veneer logs in the South and in the top three nationally. A total of 596 million board feet were produced from Kentucky's forests in 2012. The value of all delivered roundwood for 2012 is estimated at $182.9 million and reflects a reduction in cash receipts for woodland owners in 2012.

"I believe that, in 2013, hardwood lumber production and its associated industries will halt the declines we've seen over the past several years," said Stringer. "Modest increases in housing starts may forecast an eventual uptick in hardwood lumber production next year, but don't expect an increase in employment yet. Even with the tough markets in 2012, Kentucky's forestry sector, including wood and paper producers, was able to contribute an estimated $6.3 billion of direct revenue to the state's economy."

On the whole, the UK agricultural economists were guardedly optimistic about 2013.

Time For Tax Reform

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needed services will eventually wither.

We can't afford to continue providing just enough money to cover the barest essentials for classrooms, or just enough money to keep job training programs open. In a 21st century economy, "just enough" isn't good enough. In order to compete, Kentucky has to build a solid foundation for businesses, families and communities to thrive, and invigorating our out-of-date tax code is a necessary step.

The time to act is now. We purposefully waited for our state's economy to show signs of stability before moving on tax reform, because we needed to get past the worst of the recession before making significant structural change. Recently, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the commonwealth had the second highest percentage of job growth in the nation from September 2011 to September 2012. Our economy is now in a prime position not only to handle the proposed tax reforms, but also to thrive because of the positive changes in fairness, simplicity, and business support these reforms will bring.

This makes the recommendations of the tax commission even more critical.

Improving Kentucky's tax structure is yet another way to ensure that government works for the people, not against them.

We hope you will continue to stay engaged as the governor and the general assembly discuss our path forward toward real tax reform. You can find a copy of our final report on my Web site, www.ltgovernor.ky.gov.

Local Counselor To Join Health First Community Health Center



After a successful journey in private practice for three years, David Higgins will join Health First Community Health Center at their Providence location on January 2, 2013.

Mr. Higgins earned his Master's degree in Professional Counseling from Western Kentucky University in 2002. He is licensed in the state of Kentucky as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. He has earned recognition as a National Certified Counselor. He has also been credentialed as a Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor since 2006. He holds a Marriage Works certificate through Light University.

He is a member of the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association and the American Associate for Christian Counselors. He is also a professor in the School of Professional Counseling at Lindsey Wilson College.

Mr. Higgins has worked in the "helping field" for 23 years now. He has expertise in counseling adolescents and adults with mood and anxiety disorders. His primary theoretical orientation is Cognitive-behavioral therapy. He is also trained and utilizes a variety of other counseling approaches, including Reality therapy and Constructive psychotherapy.

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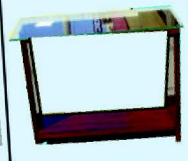
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Chapple Paces Panthers In First Win

Coach Jeff Miller's Panthers picked up their first win of the year 64-59 over Heritage Academy Dec. 20.

The Panthers led the whole way against the school from the ninth region in the Trees n Trends Itty Bitty Christmas Tournament first round at Christian Fellowship. The Panthers played Whitesville Trinity Friday in the second round of the tournament (the score was not known at press time). Trinity defeated the Panthers 61-43 Dec. 8 in Panther gym.

"We came out hard and played with a lot of energy," Miller said. "Colton Chapple was on fire in the first half, scoring 16 points."



MILLER

The Panthers used three 3-pointers in the first quarter to jump out to a 20-14 lead after the first period.

Chapple was the offense in the second quarter scoring 11 of his team's 15 points as the Panthers maintained their lead 35-30 at the half.

The offense continued to look good in the third quarter with the Panthers extending the lead to 52-39 going into the final quarter.

However, missed opportunities almost came back to haunt the Panthers in the fourth quarter.

"We let them back in the ball game by missing free throws and layups," Miller said.

The Panthers missed 10 free throws in the period and finished the game shooting 59 percent on 20 of 34. Heritage Academy was a little worse, making 18 of 34 for 53 percent.

"They were athletic with two big people," Miller said. "They had a lights-out shooter we smothered. We pressured their guard to try and keep (the ball) from their big people."

The 64-point offensive performance was the first time in nine games the Panthers have scored more than 49.

"That's way more than we've scored all year," Miller said. "If we can score in the 60s we have a real good chance in any of our games."

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	2	5	3	9
Fambrough	5	6	4	17
Chapple	8	3	3	21
Stevens	3	6	3	12
T. Puckett	0	0	1	0
Simpson	1	0	2	3
B. Puckett	0	0	1	0
T. Adams	1	0	5	2
TOTALS	20	20	22	64

3-pointers: Chapple, 2, Fambrough, Simpson

Panthers	20	35	52	64
Heritage Acad.	14	30	39	59



TAYLER MILLS eyes the basket as she moves around a Trigg County defender Tuesday, Dec. 18. Mills scored a career- and game-high 33 points to help lead the Panther girls to a win.

MILLS NAILS CAREER HIGH

Panther Girls Get Season's First Win

Senior Tayler Mills scored a career- and game-high 33 points to lead the Panthers to their first win of the season. Trigg County was the recipient of Mills' scoring barrage as she paced a 52-39 win.

"It feels good to get a win," Panther head coach Erik Peyton said following the Dec. 18 game in Panther gym.

"That's a phenomenal game for Tayler. Once she starts making some free throws it gives her so much confidence," Peyton said. "If she believes in herself as much as people around her believe in her, she will be more successful. She looked like it tonight."

The Panthers took the lead early and led 11-5 after the first quarter, but the Wildcats trimmed it to 18-14 at the half, scoring the last five points of the period.

Trigg County pulled even in the third quarter at 20-20, but the Panthers took the lead for good on a 3-pointer by Shelby Loney. The lead was 33-29 at the end of the third period.

Mills made eight of eight free throws in the second half to give her 14 of 16 for the game. The other Panthers missed all six of their opportunities as the Panthers shot 64 percent from the stripe on 14 of 22.

"We had been working in practice on some of the things we executed tonight," Peyton said. "We were blocking out better. We got after it on de-

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BRING IT ON









MEMBERS OF the Dawson Springs High School cheer squad competing in the region competition at Marshall County High School Saturday, Dec. 15, were Kendel Mitchell (clockwise from top), Kristin Peek, John Williams, Everli Mitchell and Tatum Rose. Winning in the coed division, the Panthers will advance to the state competition in Bowling Green Jan. 26.

Photos by Sheldon Mitchell

Three Whooping Cranes Spotted In Kentucky; Species Off-limits

A federally protected whooping crane has been sighted at Sloughs Wildlife Management Area near Henderson.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has also received a report of two whooping cranes along the Pond River in Hopkins County.

The whooping crane is a federally endangered bird that may not be hunted.

All three cranes currently in Kentucky are birds that were released in an effort to establish a second flock in the eastern United States. The whooping crane at Sloughs arrived in late November and has been staying in a refuge section of the WMA that is closed to hunting and closed to the public.

Whooping cranes are solid white with black wingtips. They have a red crown. Adults may have a wingspan of 7 1/2 feet and stand up to 5 feet tall on stilted legs.

Hunters should not confuse these cranes with snow geese, another white-bodied bird with black wingtips. Snow geese do not have stilted legs. Currently there are approximately 10,000 snow geese located in the Sloughs area.

Whooping cranes are similar in silhouette to a sandhill crane. However, sandhill cranes have gray bodies and are smaller than whooping cranes. There are no reports currently of sandhill cranes in the Sloughs area.

Photo from birdingguide.com

Though Bruised By Sandy Hook, We Continue

Sports In Kentucky



Bob Watkins

The Newtown tragedy has stolen a core-something out of our Christmas. A parade of assault weapon images on TV, Apocalypse 2012 doom, and fiscal cliff woes have tempered our joy this year. The season-to-be-jolly has a deep bruise on it.

In my lifetime, only the lingering grief after John F. Kennedy's assassination before Thanksgiving 1963 was as numbing, weighed so heavily on the American spirit as the Sandy Hook tragedy.

The Newtown nightmare has shaken us all. But thankfully, as Abraham Lincoln said, it has rallied "the better angels of our nature" too. In gestures from high profilers in sports ...

√ Baseball star Derek Jeter telephoned the mother of Sandy Hook Elementary teacher Victoria Soto, moving a relative to say, "People like Jeter have reached out. It brings some comfort," to the New York Daily News.

√ NFL New York Giant receiver Victor Cruz drove to Newtown to visit Jack Pinto's family. Idolized by little Jack, Cruz (and we) learned the child was buried wearing the player's No. 80.

√ Syracuse's Jim Boeheim accepted plaudits for his 900th coaching last week, but as the Sandy Hook Elementary wounds remained fresh, the ball coach used the moment to remind us of more important things.

√ At a postgame press conference in Columbus, Ohio, last week Winthrop University coach Pat Kelsey, father of two little girls, sat in front of "20 or more microphones," after his team lost to Ohio State and spoke of the Newtown disaster with such eloquence, it ought be a model for impromptu speech-making by every high school and college speech class across the country.

If you haven't already, look it up at http://usat.ly/RD2vHM

"I'm only a coach. I'm not smart enough to understand all this," Kelsey said in part, then added, "I didn't vote for Barack Obama, but he is my president! I hope he and (Speaker of the House) John Boehner" will do something about (our guns-in-America) problem."

√ Best of all, Ann Curry at NBC News sent forth a tweet suggesting, in honor of the fallen children at Sandy Hook, we ought to dedicate ourselves to 26 acts of kindness. Large, small, anonymous or not, do something, say something to and for the betterment of our fellows in this life.

Curry's idea has taken wing round USA and around the globe.

What greater good can we do than pay-it-forward 26 times in memory of 26 fallen angels?

GIFT HOPES FROM HERE

This week a few random gift ideas around and about some should have received.

Gift. Duke got high school media darling Jabari Parker, right? Wrong!

Other way round. Parker gets to learn from Mike Krzyzewski. In a Coach K cocoon, the kid can sharpen and hone his mind and values along with his game.

Gift. The emergence of Jarrod Polson at Kentucky is a gift for Big Blue Nation. A reminder that native sons can rise and perform at highest levels far beyond star-rating nonsense.

Gift. Jarrod Polson give back? Patience. I hope he skips the cash-in cheerleader paperback version of inside-the-program book on Kentucky basketball. That he holds off a decade for more penetrating perspective of his experience.

Gift. Willie Taggart to Willie Taggart. Western Kentucky University paid its football coach $475,000 a year. South Florida will pay Taggart $1.1 million each of five years — unless USF fires him or the coach jumps to another job.

Taggart told the Bowling Green Daily News his move was not about going home to south Florida and "it wasn't about the money at all. It was more from a career standpoint and moving on."

In other words, the coach moved his lips. It was about the money.

Gift. Bellarmine Knights. At 8-0. our state's lone unbeaten college team at Christmas, is ranked fourth in NABC. Equally notable, coach Scotty Davenport's team has a collective 3.0 grade point average at the break. Fifteen semesters in a row.

"They can still do better. Our goal will be to have the highest team GPA in my 8 seasons this spring," declared the coach.

Gift. For Bears and Patriots fans, Pikeville University and University of Cumberlands arrived at Christmas with 13-1 and 12-1 records respectively.

To entertain its fans, UPike topped 100 points in half its 14 games.

Cumberlands won 12 in a row before a fall at IU-Southeast.

Gift. College basketball. Division I's 344 men's ball coach fraternity has its share of show-me-the-money job jumpers, cheaters, and those who operate at edge of NCAA rules, but there is a best of the best list of coaches who balance winning, educating athletes and give-back to community.

They are a gift to all of us. One man's Top 10 (in order): Mike Krzyzewski (Duke), Jim Boeheim (Syracuse), Billy Donovan (Florida), Mark Few (Gonzaga), Tom Izzo (Michigan State, Tubby Smith (Minnesota), Shaka Smart (VCU), Steve Alford (New Mexico), Brad Stevens (Butler) and, most recently, Pat Kelsey (Winthrop).

Gifts. There are many others for you and from you around the bluegrass state. These have been a few of mine.

PARTING SHOT

"I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do. That is character." – Teddy Roosevelt

Hope you had a Merry Christmas, and all those who make this newspaper a gift to you.

And so it goes.

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KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Kentucky Sportsmen Report Good Fishing/Hunting Year

By
Lee McLellan

It was a year for deer and bear season records, expanded public hunting opportunities and improved access to Kentucky's premier trout stream.

Here's a look back at a few of the top stories from 2012:

Kentucky hunters harvested a record number of white-tailed deer.

With 35 days of archery hunting and a two-day youth season remaining before season's end, hunters eclipsed the overall deer harvest total record. As of Dec. 18, hunters harvested 126,923 deer. This total breaks the previous season record of 124,752 set in 2004.

Earlier in the fall, hunters reported bagging 92,737 whitetails during Kentucky's modern gun season which ended Monday, Nov. 25. Last spring, a record 68 deer from the 2011-12 season in Kentucky qualified for entry into the Boone and Crockett record book, the most for any state or Canadian province.

"These records demonstrate that we have a stable, quality deer herd," said Tina Brunjes, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "But what drives the harvest is good hunting weather, particularly during the modern gun season, when the majority of our deer are taken."

Bear season in Kentucky has come of age.

Kentucky's 2012 bear season was the first time hunters reached the harvest quota and in the process set a new state record.

Doug Adkins of Jenkins, Ky. took a 410-pound male bear in Letcher County. "That's the field-dressed weight," said Steve Dobey, bear program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The live weight would have likely exceeded 450 pounds."

Hunters purchased 359 permits for the 2012 hunt. Nine of the 11 bears taken were males.

By the late 2000s, black bears had made a comeback and were well established in eastern Kentucky. These bears did not come to Kentucky by a planned restoration effort, but by natural range expansion. Bears again colonized Eastern Kentucky's mountain region from the neighboring states of West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee, where bear populations were never extirpated.

Kentucky hunters have three new properties to enjoy.

With the help of partnering agencies, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife acquired three new properties, totaling 5,731 acres, for public use as state wildlife management areas (WMAs).

—Known locally as the Rogers Gap property, Veterans Memorial WMA is just minutes north of Georgetown, off I-75.

Jon Gassett, commissioner of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, characterized the acquisition of 2,497 acres in Scott County as "a historic event. This is great for people in Central and Northern Kentucky who enjoy the outdoors," he said.

This large chunk of undeveloped land is within reasonable driving distance of about one-third of Kentucky's population. The new area has a large deer herd along with excellent potential for small game and wild turkey.

—Big Rivers WMA and State Forest is in Union County, west of Sturgis, Ky. The Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife jointly acquired 2,488 acres at the confluence of the Ohio and Tradewater rivers, bounded on the north by KY 1508, on the west by the Ohio River and on the south by the Tradewater River.

About 70 percent forested, the property has good populations of deer, wild turkey, small game and seasonally attracts migratory waterfowl. From a resource perspective, the region is very significant; home to federally-endangered bats and mussels and a forest type uncommon in Kentucky: Post Oak Flat Woods.

—An ecological treasure, Griffith Woods WMA is a 746-acre remnant of Bluegrass savanna.

The property is on U.S. 62 about five miles southwest of Cynthiana in Harrison County.

Managed as a research and demonstration area since 2004, the property was purchased from the Nature Conservancy and the University of Kentucky.

"Griffith Woods has the largest known collection of old Bluegrass trees," said John Cox, of the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry. "There are more than 600 trees over 28 inches in diameter at chest height."

This includes a large number of ancient blue ash trees and a chinkapin oak tree that's on Kentucky's State Tree List. This specimen is the largest known tree of that species in the U.S.

The area is about 40 percent forested and 60 percent open land, holding populations of deer, turkey and small game.

New fishing opportunities await Kentucky anglers in 2012.

Anglers have two new places to wade fish in the trout-rich Cumberland tailwaters: the island adjacent to Rainbow Run shoal and Long Bar Island. This 75-mile section of river extends from Lake Cumberland's Wolf Creek Dam to the Tennessee line.

Both properties are in a bend of the Cumberland River near the Rock House, a natural arch off Ky 379 on the Russell-Clinton County line.

Long Bar is on the left side of the river, just upstream of the Rock House. It is off Ky. 1730 on Wells Bottom Road in Clinton County.

Rainbow Run is on the right side of the river, just downstream of the Rock House, and can only be reached by boat.

"These purchases are important because of the lack of good wading access in the river," said Dave Dreves, a department fisheries research biologist who's studied the river for years. "Long Bar is a place where you can drive up, walk a short distance and you're fishing."

Federal money from the Sport Fish Restoration Fund paid for 75 percent of the purchase price of the properties. Wading anglers have only a handful of places on the river to fish.

The department's new property at Long Bar is situated near a former ferry landing. Some old maps also refer to it as Snow Island.

From Long Bar's gravel parking lot it's a short walk to the half-mile long, 12-acre island. At low water, anglers will encounter depths of 2-3 feet when wading to the island.

Downstream of the island, on the same bank as the access parking lot, is a scour hole littered with tree trunks. When the dam is generating power and pushing high water flows downriver, this hole harbors large striped bass and trout.

At low water, anglers can wade along the entire length of the island. The river channel includes shoals, potholes and downed trees. Anglers can expect to find brown trout, rainbow trout and brook trout.

Rainbow Run is a relatively new name for the shoal located just downriver of the Rock House, since trout weren't introduced there until the Cumberland River was impounded in the early 1950s.

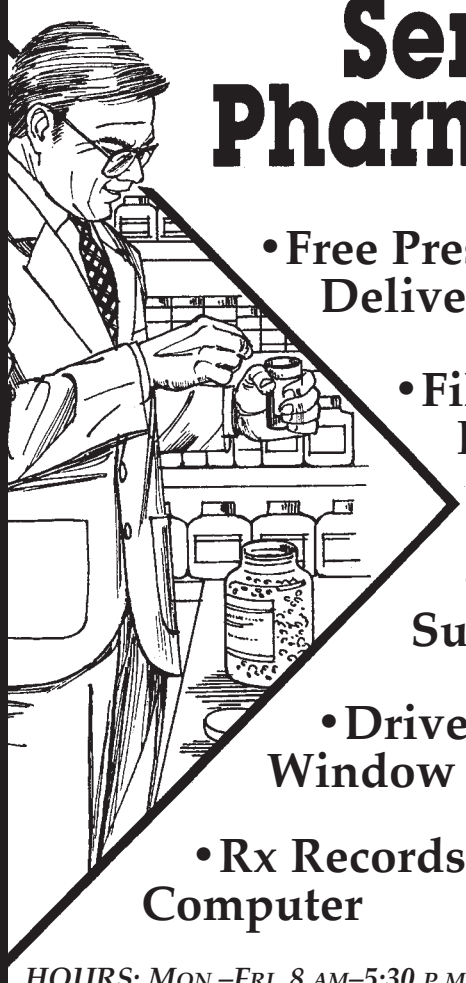
Old maps refer to the 3,500-foot island adjacent to Rainbow Run as Wells Island. The island is about 10 acres at low water, but may go underwater when all the generators are operating at Wolf Creek Dam. A rock beach at the head of the island offers anglers a place to land their boats and wade.

Rainbow Run is one of the most heralded trout fishing spots on the river because of its productivity.

The shoal is one of five sections of the river sampled for trout every fall by biologists using electro-fishing equipment at night. Since 1995, Rainbow Run has traditionally yielded more rainbow trout 20 inches or longer than all the other sampling locations combined and also holds trophy-sized brown trout.

With hope, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will have many other positive accomplishments in 2013.

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Youth League Basketball Rosters Announced

The Dawson Springs Youth Basketball League has announced their team rosters for the upcoming season.

Kindergarten/First Grade team, coached by Hanks Mills and Kristen Crook: Jacob Jennings, Gracie Barnett, Tyler Crook, Bailee Coates, Bobby Joe Cotton, Luke Maddox, Kyrstin Tossi, Ashton Rawlings, Connor Latham, Dakota Berry, Levi Ray West, Kolby Crook, Skylar Rawlins and Emily Hilt.

2nd-5th Grade Girls

Kentucky Blue team coached by Steve Pleasant; Alli Pleasant, Kylee James, Annabelle Jones, Alexis Morgan, Kaitlyn Morgan, Amber Putman, Lyndsie Morse and Natasha Wigley

Hot Pink team coached by Debra Oldham: Natalee Oldham, Maddie Huddleston, Allie Jones, Matie Fain, Lexy Blanton, Emily Abbott, Abigail Ward and Vanessa Williams

Lime Green team coached by Brian and Amie Thomas: Jordan Thomas, Denisha Randolph, Hayley Hart, Brooklyn Clark, Madison Spurlin, Zoe Howton, Aubrie Gunn and Brianna Tossi

2nd-4th Grade Boys

Black team coached by Joe Dawson: Dylan Dawson, Ethan Jones, Nathan Drake, Cameron Morris, Tyler Hale, Calob Davis, Rayven Bowman and Logan Spurling

Gold team coached by David Smiley: Caden Hickerson, Landon Childress, Mathew Cunningham, Gage Smiley, Billy Joe Lloyd, Jake Back, Elijah Dickerson and Chris Jones

White team coached by Brian Thomas: Logan McKnight, Angel Mendoza, Micheal Burgess, Dylan Baker, Logan Halverson, Grayson Brewer and Caden Alfred

Blue team coached by Misty Butler and Aaron Davis: Brayden Butler, Ayden Davis, Aldron Tedder, Noah Chappel, Casey Jo Fain, Stevie Bullock and Alex Mitchell

5th and 6th Grade Boys

Gray team coached by Hank and Tayler Mills: Skyer Lohse, Easton Maddox, Tyler Weir, Jacob Drake, Dalton Simons, Kaylee Simpson, Nick Jackson and Riley Howton

Purpel team coached by Josh Riley: Owin Riley, Ethan Huddleston, Braxton Cotton, Ethan Fain, Austin Towe, Charles Abbott and Christian Abbott

Red team coached by Brandon Cunningham: Skyler Clark, Cole Cunningham, Brennen Cunningham, Ethan Stuart, Taylon Moore, Slade Ramsey and Mikayla Jackson

Girls Get Season's First Win

Mills Puts 33 Points On Board

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fense, and got after loose balls more. Everything we've been working on since the last game, they were doing."

Lauren Menser scored six for the Panthers; Elizabeth Black and Tiki Robinson each scored four; Loney scored three; and Malaia Miller added two points.

"They looked like they were having fun tonight," Peyton added.

The Panthers' next game is in the McClean County Tournament where they meet Lone Oak during the afternoon of Dec. 27. They continue playing in that tournament the next two days.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
T. Mills	9	14	2	33
Black	2	0	3	4
Loney	1	0	4	3
Menser	3	0	5	6
Robinson	2	0	1	4
Winters	0	0	1	0
Miller	1	0	2	2
TOTALS	18	14	18	52

3-pointers: T. Mills, Loney

Trigg County	5	14	29	39
Panthers	11	18	33	52



LAUREN MENSER drives to the basket as Tayler Mills attempts to block a Trigg County defender. Menser scored six points in the Panther girls' first win of the season.

Boys JV Struggles To Put Up Points, Loses

The Panther boys junior varsity lost at Livingston Central 33-23 Tuesday, Dec. 11, then lost at home Saturday, Dec. 15, 50-30 against Beth Haven.

The Panthers led 6-5 against Livingston Central after the first period and 14-13 at the intermission. However, the Cardinals took over in the second half and led 26-16 after three quarters, then held that 10-point lead the rest of the way.

Only two Panthers scored. Dylan Simpson had 18 points, and Dakota Jones scored five.

Against Beth Haven, the Panthers were down 10 points after the first quarter and at the half. The scores were 16-6 and 28-18. Beth Haven took a 38-27 lead into the final period before extending it to 20 points at the end.

Hunter Dyer paced the Panthers with 13 points. Tanner Adams scored eight; Brad Puckett had five; and Simpson and Jeremiah Adams each scored two points.

Girls JV Loses To Lyon, Greenwood

The Panther girls junior varsity played two games last week, losing 34-18 at Lyon County Tuesday, Dec. 11, and losing by one point 21-20 at home Saturday against Greenwood.

The Panthers scored two points in each of the first two quarters against the Lyons, falling behind 8-2 and 19-4 after the first two quarters. Their offense improved, but not enough, as they faced a 29-11 third quarter deficit.

Andie Mills and Shelby Loney each scored five points to pace the Panthers. Brooklyn Cotton scored four points and Allie Mills and Malaia Miller each scored two.

Against Greenwood, the Panthers duplicated their first half effort against the Lyons, scoring two points in each quarter to face 8-2 and 10-4 deficits after the first two quarters.

The score was 18-11 after three quarters.

Allie Mills paced the Panthers with a game-high eight points. Andie Mills and Miller each scored four, while Tiki Robinson and Hannah Winters each scored two points.

Record Bear Harvested; State Quota Met In 2012

Kentucky hunters harvested 11 bears during the recently concluded bear season that ran Dec. 8-9. One of the bears set a state record.

Doug Adkins of Jenkins took a 410-pound male bear in Letcher County, besting the previous record bear of 350 pounds set last year by Neil Perkins of Hallie.

"The 410-pound bear is the field dressed weight," said Steve Dobey, bear program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"The live weight would have likely exceeded 450 pounds," Dobey explained.

All of the bears taken during this season came from Harlan or Letcher counties.

The highest bear densities in Kentucky lie along Pine Mountain, which stretches from the Breaks of the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River in Pike County through Letcher and Harlan counties.

Hunters purchased 359 permits for the 2012 hunt, down from 484 permits last year. Males made up nine of the 11 harvested bears and 13 of the 17 total bears taken since bear hunting began again in Kentucky in 2009. This is by design.

"Having the hunt in mid-December helps prevent excessive harvest of female bears," Dobey said. "Most female bears are in their dens by this time of year."

This year's total harvest of 11 bears exceeds by one the number of bears established as an annual quota by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission. Hunters may take only 10 bears per season, of which no more than five shall be females.

"If the quota is not met in a single day, the following day is open until sundown regardless," said Dobey.

"We have the season structured in the event this happened. The baseline quota will prevent over harvest of bears," he added.

This hunt was scheduled to continue through Dec. 10, but closed Dec. 9 after hunters reached the bear quota for the season. The 2012 season marks the first time hunters met the quota of bears in the four-year history of modern bear hunting in Kentucky.



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MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs High School band performing at the lighting ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park Sunday, Dec. 2, are (from left) Caitlyn Moore, Bethany Winters, Presley Stevens, Jessica Earl, Everli Mitchell and Melody Cotton.

Governor Beshear Establishes Center For Education/Workforce Statistics

In a move that solidifies Kentucky's role as a national leader in data use, Gov. Steve Beshear has signed an executive order establishing the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics. Its work will provide a more comprehensive view of the education to workforce process.

The center will serve as one independent source of quality data that links early childhood, K-12, teacher certification, postsecondary, adult education, workforce and other data to provide a better picture of the overall impact of state policies and programs.

"Data gathered by individual agencies offers only one piece of the puzzle," said Beshear. "The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics puts all of the pieces together to provide the big picture that will help everyone – policymakers, educators, parents and students – make more informed decisions about the future. We can use this data to build stronger connections among schools, workforce programs and other agencies so our students get a seamless and adaptable path to success."

Data from the center can link high school preparation to college performance, teachers to students and to the colleges where they were prepared, high school and college graduates and dropouts to employment, and early childhood to kindergarten and grade school.

The center will house the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System, a statewide repository of education data from early childhood through postsecondary and into training and employment. The system has been developed and maintained through the P-20 Data Collaborative consisting of the Department of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Education Professional Standards Board. The center will be supported by existing agency staff and will continue with its long-planned addition of two staffers to meet the requirements of additional service demands and a federal grant.

Additional public agencies to contribute data include the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.

The executive order establishes the Office for Education and Workforce Statistics and the board of the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce statistics, replacing the P-20 Data Collaborative. The office will be attached to the Office of the Secretary of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The board of the center consists of Dr. Terry Holliday, commissioner of the Department of Education; Robert L. Brown, executive director of the Education Professional Standards Board; Robert L. King, president of the Council on Postsecondary Education; and Joseph U. Meyer, secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Meyer will serve as chair.

"This action puts the necessary focus on the value of not only collecting data but also the value of understanding the data and using it to make future decisions," said Meyer. "Our goal is to improve education and training opportunities in the Commonwealth and to help our students and parents make more informed choices."

Benefits of the center include:

–Providing objective, comparable, actionable data back to schools, districts, colleges, universities and communities that they can use to improve education.

–Maintaining linked data that allows for cross-agency statistics like linking high school performance to college success or linking postsecondary training to employment and earnings.

–Answering state and federal mandated reports that cross sectors.

–Providing greater transparency both for development and improvement purposes as well as for policy makers.

UK STUDY REVEALS FINDINGS

Forests Make Huge Impact On Economy Of Kentucky

During the 93rd annual meeting of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation in Louisville, Dr. Jeffrey W. Stringer, hardwood Silviculture professor with the University of Kentucky's (UK) Department of Forestry, announced the findings from an economic impact study on the forest and wood industry impact to Kentucky's economy.

The study was developed by UK's Departments of Forestry and Agricultural Economics and includes current marketing trends, timber prices and an economic outlook for 2013.

According to the study results, Kentucky's forest industries:

–Contribute $6.357 billion; adding all indirect wood-related industries total $9.992 billion to the state's economy in 2012.

–Provide 51,928 jobs (2.7 percent of Kentucky's total employment) with 24,262 directly employed by the wood/paper and logging industries.

–Provide employment opportunities in 109 of the 120 counties.

–Provide $1.25 billion in wages in 2012.

–Rank in the top three nationally in hardwood production and are ranked first in the South for sawlog and veneer production.

–Lost an estimated 3.6 percent or $256 million in revenue in 2012, which equates to 942 jobs and 60 wood industry facilities with paper industries taking the hardest hit (-4.7 percent).

According to Stringer, Kentucky's forests remain largely in private hands (75 percent). While Kentucky's forests provide economic and environmental benefits, they continue to grow at a rate faster than they are being removed.

"Woodland owners and forest industries provided Kentucky with a significant source of revenue, $6.3 billion distributed across the commonwealth. When spent throughout the economy it created nearly $10 billion in total impact. Since timber is grown in every county, and wood industries exist in 109 counties, the forestry sector is important to both rural and urban economies," said Stringer. "This revenue is also important to those agencies, industries, organizations and landowners who comprise the forestry sector.

Statewide averages show Kentucky's forests are growing twice as much volume than is being harvested or lost to mortality annually. Timber prices of many species continue to fluctuate with some markets starting to stabilize, including the pulpwood, railroad tie and the stave markets.

The study forecasts an overall mixed outlook for 2013:

–Markets for logs to saw into boards are expected to stabilize.

–Secondary industries making products from the sawn lumber are expected to stabilize and possibly increase slightly.

–Pulpwood markets are expected to stabilize further and a regional moderate increase in sawtimber is expected.

–Cash receipts for timber owners should increase slightly.

–Employment opportunities are not expected to increase.

–Housing markets increased somewhat in the third quarter of 2012 and more growth is expected.

–Demand for certified pulpwood and sawlogs (those designated as being grown sustainably by an independent third party system) is expected to increase.

–Insects and disease problems will continue to be monitored (e.g. ash – emerald ash borer) and may have an effect on markets or prices for those species effected.

–Budget and personnel cuts for the Kentucky Division of Forestry are an immediate and long-term concern and will reduce the amount of professional technical assistance available for forestland owners.

The study included an input-output analysis of Kentucky's forest products industry using Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN®). Additional data was analyzed from a variety of government sources including the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA), Timber Product Output (TPO) programs and the Division of Forestry's Growing Gold quarterly marketing report.

"The Division of Forestry collects the data for the FIA and TPO programs that provides critical information on the overall health, species quantity, quality and distribution of trees across the state. These data are important to Kentucky's wood-using industries and essential to ensure that Kentucky's forests continue to provide economic, environmental and social benefits to its citizens" says Leah W. MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry.



JEFF WINFREY lights a candle for Melissa Heflin at the candlelight ceremony held at Veterans Memorial Park Sunday, Dec. 16, to honor the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre. photo by Charlie Beshears

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Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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Thursday Night, 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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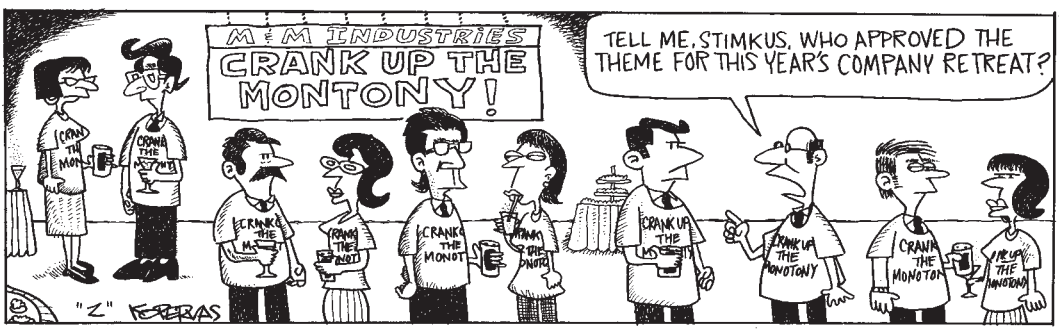
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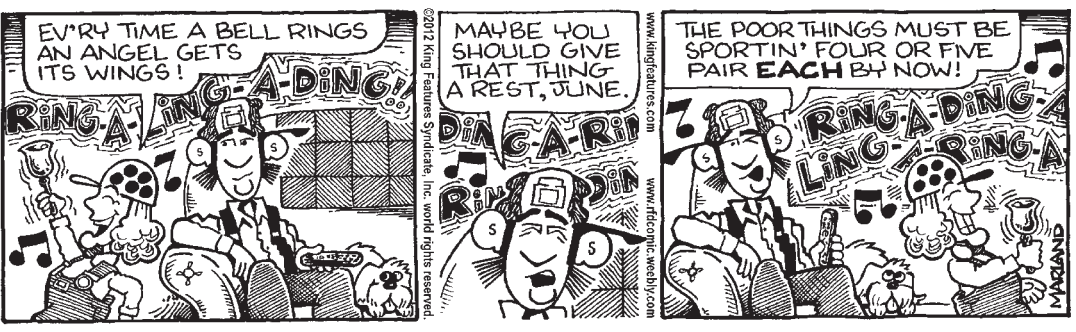
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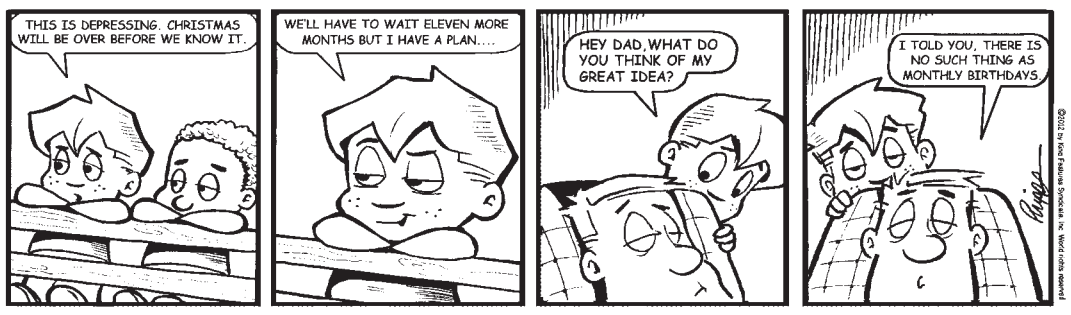
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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SUPER CROSSWORD

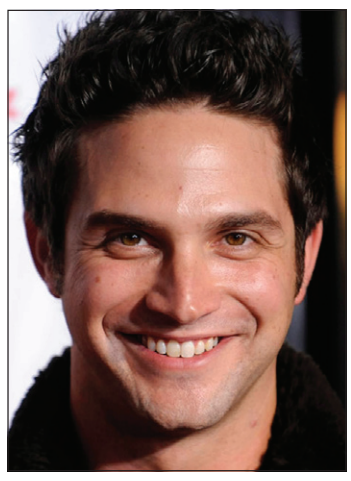
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1 Magical stick
5 Shoots (for)
9 Haifa "Hi!"
15 Christmas verse opener
19 Have — (freak out)
20 G4 or G5 computer
21 Honolulu's — Palace
22 Wild West's Wyatt
23 Shrub that's the source of brierroot
25 Knots up
26 Jazz great Fitzgerald
27 Exposing bios
28 Ben & Jerry's flavor
30 Stripper St. Cyr
31 Wee children
32 "Tennis, —?"
33 NASA's Spirit and Opportunity
37 Wolflike carnivore
40 "Life" actor Beatty
41 From long —
42 "Boy Blue" rock gp.
43 Trained in the pool
46 "Buenas —" (Juan's "Good night")
50 Sun's setting
55 See 51-Down
57 Fair-hiring abbr.
58 Ate away at
59 College in Worcester
65 McMahon and McBain
66 Kenyan's neighbor
67 Deadened
71 "So that's your game!"
74 Alternative to Barneys New York
81 Renovate
85 Motor City labor org.
86 Lively, musically
87 Beethoven's Ninth
93 Actress Leachman
94 Like the moon's surface
95 Motorists' org.
97 Roman 201
98 "Ugly Betty" network
101 Lumbering
102 Small, short-term cash advance
106 Singer Jackson —
108 "Taps" co-star Penn
110 King Ahab's father
111 Hills over graves
115 Ceylon, now
119 Harrow rival
120 Well-drilling structure
121 Theme of this puzzle
122 Beach grains
123 Actress Peet
124 Iowa State's city
125 "— Eyes" (1975 hit for the Eagles)
126 Murder
127 Less sparse
128 Ernie's bud
129 Gas brand in Canada

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1 Part of kWh
2 Plot unit
3 Yuletide tune
4 Resides
5 Actor Danny
6 Survivor's shout
7 Vaulters land on them
8 PTA subj.
9 View
10 Wagner of baseball
11 Actor Thicke
12 Escapade
13 Solely
14 Handle wrongly, as funds
15 Pint-size
16 Small non-speaking role
17 Dahl of "Sangaree"
18 Neutered, as a pet
24 Mane stuff
28 Trig. ratio
29 Even (with)
31 "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor
33 Wildly happy
34 Score — (get points)
35 Political satirist Mo
36 Shady giant
37 Bray ending
38 Peruvian Sumac
39 British isle
43 One of Hershey's 121-Across
44 Letters after exes
45 — -mo
47 — d'oeuvres
48 Fashion designer Marc
49 Pond gunk
51 With 55-Across, 1980s Chrysler chief
52 Lime drink
53 Struck (out)
54 QB's gains
56 Santa — (hot winds)
60 Org. for dockworkers
61 Artist Muniz who's the subject of the documentary "Waste Land"
62 Having a single flat, musically
63 Egyptian boy Pharaoh
64 Jewish youth org.
68 French seat
69 Diabolic
70 Audition CD
71 Tolkien fiend
72 Chuckle bit
73 — -lacto diet
75 Apartment building VIP
76 1982-2005 Saudi king
77 — Jima
78 Sleep: Prefix
79 Central New York city
80 Red dye
82 Ellipse bit
83 Yacht basin
84 Jet capacity
88 — Croix, Que.
89 Slangy affirmative
90 Chain-clad actor
91 Tandoori flatbread
92 "Hurrah!"
96 One ornamenting
98 Head nun
99 Merciless
100 Ring around the sun
102 Fathers
103 In the thick of
104 Every 12 mos.
105 Prone (to)
107 Gust-filled
108 Catty
109 — Rice Burroughs
112 Silent drama
113 — Mills Portrait Studios
114 Big brewers
115 "Ditto"
116 Antis' calls
117 Charlie's angel Munroe
118 "It comes — surprise ..."
121 Airport car

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SOAP BUBBLES



Brandon Barash is "Johnny" on "General Hospital"

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Brooke admitted to Katie that she kissed Bill. Caroline warned Steffy to never cross a Spencer. Rick felt guilty for Hope's persistent heartbreak. Brooke confronted Taylor about why she was sticking her nose in her business. Liam surprised Steffy by coming home early from a business trip. Bill was worried that Caroline would expose what happened in Italy with Deacon. Hope was floored by Rick's confession and went to tell Liam about how Rick sabotaged their relationship. Pam helped Eric prepare for his first Christmas without Stephanie. Steffy was getting a cocky attitude about her love life. Hope apologized to Liam for doubting his loyalty to her. Wait to See: The Logan sisters cook Christmas dinner at the Forrester mansion. Bill confronts Caroline.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Brady continued to be oblivious to Kristen's manipulations. Sami was impressed with EJ after he donated an abundance of gifts to charity. Jennifer told Daniel that she remembered telling him that she loved him. Lucas scolded Jennifer for moving on so quickly after Jack's death. Gabi feared that everyone would figure out that Will was the father of her baby. Eric remained secretive about what he witnessed in Africa. Nick expressed a homophobic attitude toward Will. Chad and Abigail's lighthearted friendship began to turn serious. Eric felt that he should have died in the Congo instead of the other priest. Abe and the DiMeras visited Lexie's gravesite for the holidays. Wait to See: Kate and Adrienne make peace. Gabi confides in Eric.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Patrick watched the video that Robin left urging him to move on. Sabrina and Felix visited Lucy Coe in New York. Maxie began having second thoughts about being a surrogate. Johnny prepared to take responsibility for Cole and Hope's deaths. Starr believed that AJ set up the fight between him and Sonny. Alexis presented Maxie with legal papers about her and Lulu's rights. Ellie misinterpreted a moment between Spinelli and Maxie. AJ and Tracy competed for Sam's support at ELQ. Lucy had an unpleasant encounter with Monica at the Quartermaine mansion. Starr questioned Todd's connection with Johnny. Wait to See: Patrick asks Sabrina out for New Year's. Starr confronts Connie about what she's hiding.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Sharon admitted to Avery that she set the ranch on fire. Nick announced his purchase of a new club -- the Underground. Adam warned Jack to get help for his pill addiction or he would lose control of the company. Gloria bought a racehorse instead of investing in her son's business. Lauren considered allowing Jamie to live with her and her family. Chelsea asked Adam for a divorce. Jack admitted that his addiction was affecting his ability to conduct business. Fen was furious when Summer said she kissed Jamie. Katherine collapsed after fighting with Jill. Cane made sure that Tyler knew that Lily was taken. Neil resigned as CEO. Wait to See: Phyllis questions Avery about her past. Jack is the subject of an intervention.

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Certain Polyps Raise Colon Cancer Risk

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please help. I have had two colonoscopies with 10 polyps found -- half and half, both kinds. I noticed on my medical bill that I am at high risk. I was told that some new medicine might be available soon. I'm very scared. What could help me? -- R.H.

ANSWER: A polyp is a growth of cells projecting from the lining of a structure. In this case, the structure is the colon. Close to 90 percent of polyps do not become cancers. Fifty percent of the population older than 60 has at least one polyp.

Ten percent of polyps are adenomatous polyps, ones with a potential of becoming cancer. I take it that some of your polyps were of this variety, and that's why you are at "high risk." Having those polyps removed eliminates the present cancer risk. Adenomatous polyp size is one factor involved in judging these polyps' threat. Those larger than 2 cm (0.8 inches) have a 40 percent chance of transforming into cancer. The microscopic appearance of these polyps' cells is given the designation of high-grade or low-grade. High-grade cells also increase the risk of cancer.

Actually, you are sitting pretty. You've had all your polyps removed. The fact that some of yours put you into the category of high risk only means that the doctor will work out for you a schedule for future colonoscopies. Those scope exams will disclose if any new polyps have formed. You are less likely to develop colon cancer than are people who have never had such an exam. I don't know about the medicine you speak of.

Cutting back on red and processed meats (hot dogs and other luncheon meats), losing weight, decreasing the fat in your diet, cutting back on alcohol consumption, increasing the amount of fruit and vegetables you eat and increasing dietary fiber are things that diminish the likelihood of colon cancer. I have to be candid. Some authorities say these changes are not as protective as they're made out to be. They are, however, conducive to good general health.

The booklet on colon cancer explains this common ailment in greater detail. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 505W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for $4.75 U.S./$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have had genital herpes for many years. I take a lysine pill every day, which can be bought over the counter at all drugstores. I get an outbreak maybe once or twice a year.

Doctors don't know this, I guess, and they prescribe medicine rather than use home remedies. -- R.Z.

ANSWER: Lysine treatment for herpes infections, including cold sores, is widely known. The fly in the ointment is that, for most, it doesn't work successfully as it has for you. There is some scientific basis for lysine. It's an amino acid, one of the building blocks for proteins. Lysine blocks the action of arginine, another amino acid, necessary for herpes viruses to replicate. That's the theoretical reason for using lysine.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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2. ASTRONOMY: Which planet has two moons called Titania and Oberon?
3. GAMES: What is the color of St. James Place in the game "Monopoly"?
4. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek word "platypus" mean?
5. MEDICINE: What is a more common name for the condition called odontalgia?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The island nation of Madagascar lies off the coast of which continent?
7. INVENTIONS: Who invented the modern ballpoint pen?
8. MEASUREMENTS: How many gallons are contained in a firkin?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the daughter of King Minos who helped Theseus to escape from the Labyrinth?
10. MOVIES: What was the name of the women's baseball team in "A League of Their Own"?

Answers
1. The scientific name for an anthill
2. Uranus
3. Orange
4. Flat-footed
5. A toothache
6. Africa
7. Laszlo Biro
8. 9 gallons
9. Ariadne
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The Art Of Card Reading

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 6 2
♥ K Q 8 7 5 4
♦ 10
♣ Q 10 9

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 3
♥ 3 2
♦ A J 9 7 6
♣ K 8

EAST
♠ A K J 4
♥ 6
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 7 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 5
♥ A J 10 9
♦ K Q 8 2
♣ A J 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦ *
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

* transfer to hearts
Opening lead — ten of spades.

Card-reading -- the art of diagnosing how the unseen cards are divided -- is the backbone of good card play. Knowing where the missing cards are located is like playing a hand with all 52 cards exposed, and to play a hand well when all the cards are in view is seldom a difficult challenge.

Consider this deal where declarer went wrong. East won the spade lead with the jack and continued with the A-K of spades. South ruffed the third spade, drew trumps, led the ten of diamonds from dummy and went up with the king after East followed low.

West won with the ace and returned the jack of diamonds to South's queen. Declarer later tried a club finesse that failed, and the contract went down one.

The critical clue that declarer missed (aside from East's failure to play the ace with a singleton diamond in dummy) was that East had passed as dealer and was therefore highly unlikely to hold the ace of diamonds (having shown up with the A-K-J of spades and a singleton heart on the first five tricks).

Once South assumes that West has the ace of diamonds, it becomes clear that instead of covering dummy's ten of diamonds with the king, he should play low from his hand. In the actual case, even though West wins the diamond with the jack, he is stymied.

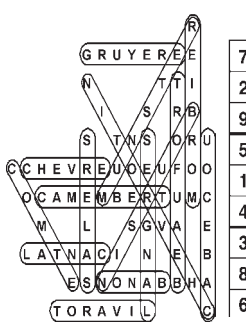
A diamond return, whether high or low, allows South to score two diamond tricks with the help of a ruffing finesse and in that way eliminate his potential club loser. A spade or club return also allows South to avoid the club loser -- again with the aid of a ruffing finesse in diamonds -- and so make the contract.

Either way, it turns out that East's pass as dealer is the same as shouting from the rooftops that West has the ace of diamonds -- and it is this significant clue that should enable South to find the winning line of play.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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3	5	9	6	4	2	8	7	1
8	2	7	3	9	1	5	4	6
6	1	4	8	5	7	9	3	2

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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WKU Confers Degrees At Fall Commencement

WKU conferred degrees to more than 1,300 graduates – 78 associates degrees, 928 baccalaureate degrees, 18 undergraduate certificates, 316 master's degrees and nine doctor of education degrees – during ceremonies at Diddle Arena.On Dec. 15, WKU's 172nd Commencement.

In his remarks, WKU President Gary Ransdell reminded graduates that "today perhaps marks the end of your collegiate career, but the requirement of commencement is that you must now commence. As you think back over the many accomplishments of the past few years, you no doubt can identify contributions and achievements that never occurred – all due to a failure to begin, to commence."

"But today is a testament of what you did begin and did complete – a degree. It all started with that first decision to pursue a college education," Ransdell said. "As you leave this beloved Hill, do not let anything deter you from exercising your WKU Spirit – from being a leader."

The 9:30 a.m. ceremony included students in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Gordon Ford College of Business and Potter College of Arts & Letters. The 2 p.m. ceremony included students in the College of Health and Human Services, University College and Ogden College of Science and Engineering.



READING their essays at the DARE graduation ceremonies at the Dawson Springs Elementary School Tuesday, Dec. 11, are Daniel Garrett (above) and Nan Capps (below) with Deputy Punkin Arnett the DARE officer.

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THE annual senior citizen Christmas dinner at the community room at Clarkdale Court held this year on Monday, Dec. 17, is always a delightful event for those attending.

photo by Charlie Beshears

Jane Beshear Announces Scholastic Book Doantion

During a visit to the Family Scholar House, First Lady Jane Beshear announced that Scholastic has donated 500 books to Kentucky children as part of its "Give the Gift of Reading This Holiday Season" campaign.

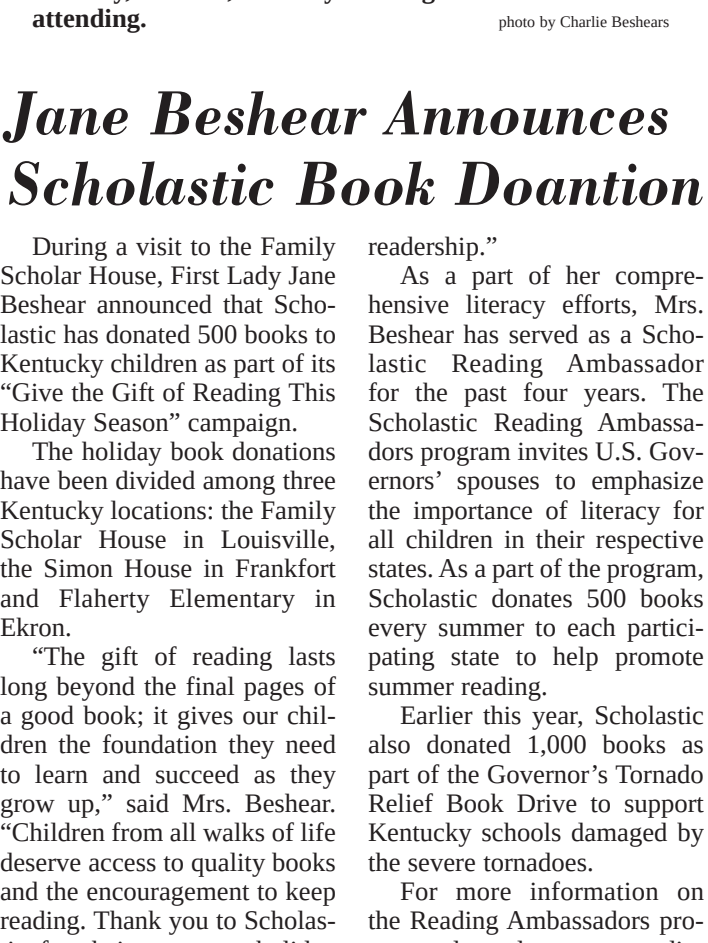
The holiday book donations have been divided among three Kentucky locations: the Family Scholar House in Louisville, the Simon House in Frankfort and Flaherty Elementary in Ekron.

"The gift of reading lasts long beyond the final pages of a good book; it gives our children the foundation they need to learn and succeed as they grow up," said Mrs. Beshear. "Children from all walks of life deserve access to quality books and the encouragement to keep reading. Thank you to Scholastic for their generous holiday book donation and their continued efforts to increase youth readership."

As a part of her comprehensive literacy efforts, Mrs. Beshear has served as a Scholastic Reading Ambassador for the past four years. The Scholastic Reading Ambassadors program invites U.S. Governors' spouses to emphasize the importance of literacy for all children in their respective states. As a part of the program, Scholastic donates 500 books every summer to each participating state to help promote summer reading.

Earlier this year, Scholastic also donated 1,000 books as part of the Governor's Tornado Relief Book Drive to support Kentucky schools damaged by the severe tornadoes.

For more information on the Reading Ambassadors program, please log on to mediaroom.scholastic.com/readingambassadors.



TAMMY AUDAS holds a bag for her granddaughter Macy Jo Cotton to gather candies along the Christmas parade route Sunday, Dec. 2, as her daughter Kelsey Cotton looks on.

KET Has Much To Offer Going Into The New Year

Season 17 of "Antiques Roadshow," PBS' most-watched primetime series, premieres from Corpus Christi, Texas, with a million-dollar appraisal: a lost Diego Rivera painting.

The show premieres on KET Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.

Specialists from the country's leading auction houses and independent dealers from across the nation travel throughout the United States offering free appraisals of antiques and collectibles.

"Antiques Roadshow" cameras watch as owners recount tales of family heirlooms, yard sale bargains and long-neglected items salvaged from attics and basements, while experts reveal the fascinating truths about these finds.

Season three of the award-winning Masterpiece series "Downton Abbey" has arrived.

In the two-hour season premiere, wedding guests descend on Downton Abbey, where disasters threaten and love is in the air.

The program airs Sundays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. on KET.

The Great War is over and the long-awaited engagement of Lady Mary and Matthew is on, but all is not tranquil at Downton Abbey as wrenching social changes, romantic intrigues and personal crises grip the majestic English country estate for a third thrilling season. The all-star cast, including Dame Maggie Smith as the Dowager Countess of Grantham, returns and welcomes guest star Academy Award®-winner Shirley MacLaine.

Lexington native Lucy Sharp has a role in the new season of "Downton Abbey." She plays Miss Reid, a maid to American aristocrat Martha Levinson, portrayed by MacLaine. "Kentucky Life" sits down with 21-year-old Sharp to learn what it's like to be part of the pop-culture phenomenon. The program airs Saturday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. on KET.

On the next "One to One with Bill Goodman," KET host Goodman sits down with Gov. Steve Beshear to preview the 2013 legislative session.

The program will air Sunday, Jan. 6, at noon.

KEMA Marching Band Championships 2012 will air on KET Sunday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m.

Watch performances by finalists in all five classes of the 2012 Kentucky high school marching band championships.

College should be a time of excitement, growth and discovery, but for many it can be a source of great stress as students and parents try to find a way to pay for it. Fortunately, there is help available in the form of financial aid options.

To provide students and parents with answers to pressing questions about financial aid, KET presents "College Financial Aid Call-In 2013," a one-hour, live special edition of "Education Matters," airing Monday, Jan. 7, at 9 p.m. on KET.

The program features a panel of financial aid representatives from public and private Kentucky colleges and universities who provide information on the availability of scholarships, grants and other financial aid and offer tips on applying for student loans. The panel will discuss general financial aid issues and field questions.

Experts in the financial aid field will also take calls from viewers. Issues discussed by the panel include common application mistakes, documents necessary to apply for financial aid, types of aid, deadlines, and financial aid packages.

Viewers can also submit questions to @EducationKET on Twitter and on KETÂ's Facebook page at facebook.com/KET prior to the program for possible inclusion on the program.

Kentucky Muse "Wendy Whelan: Moments of Grace" explores the dancer's childhood and family in Louisville, her career and life in New York, and how her Kentucky roots are with her every step of the way.

Whelan became a member of the New York City Ballet's corps de ballet in January 1986. She was promoted to the rank of soloist during the 1989 spring season and to the rank of principal dancer in the 1991 spring season.

The program premieres Friday, Jan. 11, at 9 p.m. on KET.

Hopkins County Students Honored At Mid-Continent

Several Hopkins County students were among 360 receiving degrees from Mid-Continent University this month. Dr. Robert Imhoff, president of MCU conferred degrees during commencement ceremonies held Dec. 1 at Graves County High School.

Julie Ann Drennan of Dawson Springs graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in business management.

Other county residents who received degrees in business management were John William Perdue, Carolyn Ann Chamberlain and Otis Ray Chamberlain Jr., all of Madisonville; Alexander N. Howell and Kelly S. Payne, both of Nortonville; and Marsha N. Qualls of Manitou.

Thomas E. Mikkelson of Madisonville and Duska Phillips of White Plains earned associate of science degrees.

Kentucky Visitor's Guide Is Rich Traveler Resource

For a wealth of ideas for weekend get aways or summer vacation in the Bluegrass state, check out the new 2013 Kentucky Official Visitor's Guide.

The free guide is much more than just a compilation of listings. To make planning your trip fun and easy, the guide is divided into nine regional sections that highlight unique attractions and noteworthy events in each one.

"Kentucky offers a treasure chest of travel experiences that appeal to every interest and every age," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "From horses to natural wonders to bourbon, we've got what people want in a vacation."

Printed copies of the guide are available at seven welcome centers on interstate highways throughout the state or can be mailed right to your home or office by calling 1-800-225-8747.

An interactive online version will be available soon at www.kentuckytourism.com, where you also can order the printed version.

"The guide is a fantastic way to introduce the state to the many people considering a visit to Kentucky," said Department of Travel and Tourism Commissioner Mike Mangeot. "As we say, 'there's only one Kentucky,' and the guide will help you plan your trip to the commonwealth's unique and diverse attractions."



VIRGINIA CHANEY (left) greets Barbara Thomas and her daughter Christy as they visited the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, during the Holiday Home Tour.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell



RICHARD HATLEY was among the large crowd who enjoyed the lighting ceremony and Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 2, when Dawson Springs was blessed to have unseasonably nice weather for early December.